

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A chewable composition comprising a chewable base and a probiotic agent.
2. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the probiotic agent is a micro-organism exhibiting antagonistic properties against undesirable strains of micro-organisms
3. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the probiotic agent is a lactic acid-producing microorganism.
4. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 3, wherein said lactic acid producing microorganism is selected from the group consisting of the genera *Lactobacillus*, *Lactococcus*, *Pediococcus*, *Leuconostoc*, *Sporolactobacillus*, *Bacillus* and mixtures thereof.
5. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 4, wherein said lactic acid producing microorganism is selected from the group consisting of the species *Bacillus coagulans*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus laterosporus*, *Bacillus laevolacticus*, *Sporolactobacillus inulinus*, *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Lactobacillus curvatus*, *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *Lactobacillus jensenii*, *Lactobacillus casei*, *Lactobacillus fermentum*, *Lactococcus lactis*, *Pediococcus acidilacti*, *Pediococcus pentosaceus*, *Pediococcus urinae*, *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* and mixtures thereof.
6. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the probiotic agent is a spore-forming micro-organism exhibiting antagonistic properties against undesirable strains of micro-organisms,
7. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 6, wherein said probiotic agent is a spore-forming lactic acid-producing micro-organism.
8. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 7, wherein said the probiotic agent is a species of the genus *Bacillus* and/or of the genus *Sporolactobacillus* and most

preferably a species selected from the group consisting of Bacillus coagulans, Bacillus subtilis, Bacillus laterosporus, Bacillus laevolacticus, Sporolactobacillus inulinus and mixture thereof in their living form or dormant form (spore).

9. (Currently Amended) A chewable composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, which is ~~typically a chewing gum composition comprising~~ comprises from about 0.01% to about 10% of probiotic agent or mixtures thereof by weight of total.
10. (Currently Amended) A chewable composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, which is ~~typically a chewing gum composition comprising~~ comprises from about 10% to about 90% of ~~chewing gum~~ chewable base by weight of the total composition.
- 11-13. (Canceled)